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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT BRIEFING ZAIRE - APRIL 4

1. FOLLOWING Q'S AND A'S DEALING WITH ZAIRE ARE EXCERPTED  
FROM THE APRIL 4 DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING.

2. Q: AFTER , WEEKS WE HAVE BEEN TOLD PRACTICALLY NOTHING  
ABOUT THE KATANGAN INVADERS... ALTHOUGH THE SECRETARY  
MUST KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THEM OR WE WOULDN'T HAVE EVACUATED  
AMERICANS FROM KOLWEZI, AND MY QUESTION IS COULD YOU  
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GIVE US ANY REAL INFORMATION PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE A,

REPORT THAT GEN. BUMBA HAS CLAIMED TO HAVE KILLED RUSSIANS,  
CHINESE AND PORTUGUESE?

A: WE HAVE SAID BEFORE WE HAVE NO COMMENT ON MILITARY  
DEVELOPMENTS IN ZAIRE. WE HAVE SEEN THAT PARTICULAR REPORT

;ND HAVE NOTHING FURTHER ON IT.

3. Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT TO THE EFFECT THAT  
AIRE SUSPENDED RELATIONS WITH CUBA OVER THIS ISSUE?

A: AGAIN, WE HAVE SEEN THAT PRESS REPORT, AND WE HAVE NO  
COMMENT ON THAT REPORT. WE ARE AWAITING FURTHER DETAILS.

4. Q: IS IT YOUR ASSESSMENT STILL THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF CUBANS INVOLVED IN THE INCURSION?

A: AS WE HAVE SAID, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER OF  
CUBAN PRESENCE IN ZAIRE.

5. Q: WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER RECURRING QUESTIONS, HAVE WE  
DECIDED YET ABOUT WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO ABOUT THAT FURTHER  
REQUEST FOR AID, AND DO WE KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT  
THE NIGERIANS ARE DOING?

A: THE DRILL IS THE SAME. WE HAVE AT THIS POINT THE AID  
REQUEST UNDER CAREFUL STUDY, AND INsofar AS THE NIGERIAN  
DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE, WE'VE NOTED THAT WITHIN THE LAST  
WEEK THE NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER,MR. GARBA,HAS VISITED  
BOTH KINSHASA AND LUANDA TO TALK WITH THE ZAIRIAN AND  
ANGOLAN LEADERS. NEGOTIATIONS SUCH AS THAT TAKE TIME, AND  
WE,OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE NIGERIAN EFFORT TO  
SOLVE THE PROBLEM BY NEGOTIATION. THERE'S NOTHING FURTHER  
BEYOND THAT.

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6. Q: FOLLOWING UP ON THIS, IF WE HAVE, IN YOUR WORDS,  
NO EVIDENCE OF CUBAN PRESENCE IN ZAIRE, THEN THE CONCLUSION  
IS THAT GEN. MOASSA (SIC) IS WRONG IN HIS CLAIM TO  
HAVE KILLED RUSSIANS, CHINESE AND PORTUGUESE.

A. WE ARE NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON WHAT THE GENERAL HAS  
SAID. I CAN ONLY REPEAT WHAT WE KNOW OF OUR OWN KNOWLEDGE.

7. Q: IS THE U.S. CONSIDERING SENDING TO SOUTHERN AFRICA  
,N EARLY MAY, A VERY HIGH OFFICIAL? MR. YOUNG...? THERE  
ARE REPORTS FROM TANZANIA...

A: I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT WHATSOEVER.  
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